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SUBJECT: JAPANESE LABOR LEADERS TAKE FISHERIES ISSUE TO MOSCOW

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: SECRETARIES GENERAL OF JAPAN'S FOUR
NATIONAL LABOR CONFEDERATIONS -- SOHYO, DOMEI, CHURITSU ROREN
AND SHINSANBETSU -- DEPARTED FOR SOVIET UNION MAY 10 TO MAKE
JOINT PRESENTATION OF THE "VIEWS OF JAPANESE WORKERS" ON
CURRENT BILATERAL FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS. AT WELL-
PUBLICIZED PRE-DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE, JAPANESE LABOR
LEADERS SAID THEY WOULD REQUEST SOVIETS TO CONCLUDE RAPIDLY
AN INTERIM FISHERIES AGREEMENT BECAUSE CURRENT SUSPENSION
OF JAPANESE FISHING OPERATIONS IN NEW SOVIET 200- MILE
ZONE WAS CAUSING CONSIDERABLE UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG HOKKAIDO
FISHERMEN AND GREAT SUFFERING TO THEIR FAMILIES. THEY
ALSO SAID THEY WOULD URGE SOVIETS TO SEPARATE NORTHERN
TERRITORIES ISSUE FROM FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS ON GROUNDS
IT SHOULD BE RESOLVED IN CONTEXT OF PEACE TREATY.

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THEY SAID THEY HOPED TO MEET WITH SOVIET TRADE UNION
CENTRAL (AUCCTU) CHAIRMAN SHIVAIEV AS WELL AS SOVIET
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATIONS. THEY
INDICATED VISAS FOR SOVIET UNION WERE OBTAINED ON BASIS OF
INVITATION FROM AUCCTU. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN LOU: COMMENT - SOVIET INTRANSIGENCE IN

FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS HAS HAD REMARKABLE EFFECT OF
PRODUCING IN FOUR LABOR CONFERDERATIONS, WHICH ALMOST
ALWAYS DISAGREE WITH EACH OTHER ON FOREIGN POLICY
ISSUES, COMMON FRONT UPHOLDING GOJ NEGOTIATING
POSITION. TWO WEEKS AGO, SECRETARIES GENERAL FOR
FIRST TIME MADE JOINT PROTEST AT SOVIET EMBASSY
(REFTEL), AND NOW THEY ARE ENGAGING IN ANOTHER FIRST
BY TRAVELING OVERSEAS TOGETHER. AT THIS RATE, SOVIETS
MAY END UP MAKING POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO LABOR UNITY
MOVES HERE. END LOU.
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